

Hello!

I just tried to speak to someone at my local station, KOVR, about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. The first two times I called and asked to speak to, or leave a message for either the station manager or public affairs director, the phone mysteriously went dead. On the third try, I was asked preemptorily whether my call concerned the anti-Kerry documentary. When I said yes, I was informed that I could say either that I was against it or for it--no more. When I politely said that I would like to express my opinion, which I felt went beyond a simplistic yes or no, and to ask a question about the issue, she asked what my question was. I asked why KOVR decided to run this programming and was told that "we are just following orders"...when I suggested that this was the response of many Germans working under Hitler, the phone again mysteriously went dead...I'm not trying to cause distress; I merely would like to have an honest discussion about the integrity of journalism, of the public airways. and the people who have to work under such coercive situations. The buck

has to stop
somewhere...I'm just
trying to find out
where...and why the
terrain looks like it
does today...

Thank you.